

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for covering a watch worn on a wrist of a user, the apparatus comprising:

a band portion for circumferentially surrounding a substantial portion of the watch, the band portion including first and second free ends; and

a transparent window interconnecting the first and second free ends of the band portion, the transparent window for allowing the user to view a face of the watch;

whereby the apparatus circumferentially surrounds and thereby protects the watch.

2. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is elastic.

3. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is absorbent.

4. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is an open cell foam.

5. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, further comprising at least one heat seal permanently securing the band portion to the window.

6. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the window portion is a clear plastic film.

7. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is disposable.

8. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is an open cell foam, wherein the window is a clear plastic film, and further comprising at least one heat seal permanently securing the band portion to the window.

9. (Original) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion has a length and a width, the band portion being elastically deformable along both the length and the width.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the first and second free ends of the band portion are generally parallel to one another, the first free end of the band secured to a first end of the transparent window at a first heat seal, the second free end of the band secured to a second end of the transparent window at a second heat seal.

11.-19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 10, wherein the first and second ends of the transparent window extend completely across a width of the band portion.

21. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion has a circumferential length of about 6 inches, a width of about 2.5 inches, and the transparent window has a circumferential length of about 2 inches.

22. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein elastic deformation of the band portion accommodates various sized of wrists and watches.

23. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is securable to the user without additional fastening steps or discrete fasteners.

24. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is constrained of a paint absorbable material.

25. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 1, wherein the band portion is elastically deformable along its width to snugly surround a watch.

26. (New) An apparatus for covering a watch worn on a wrist of a user, the apparatus comprising:

a band portion for circumferentially surrounding the watch, the band being elastic and absorbent, the band portion including first and second free ends; and

a transparent window for allowing the user to view a face of the watch therethrough the transparent window being permanently secured proximate the first and second free ends of heat seals;

whereby the apparatus is adapted to circumferentially surround a varying sized watch and thereby protects the watch.

27. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 26, wherein the apparatus is securable to the user without additional fastening steps or discrete fasteners.

28. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 26, wherein the band portion is constructed of a paint absorbable material.

29. (New) The apparatus for covering a watch on a wrist of a user in Claim 26, wherein the band portion is elastically deformable along its width to snugly surround a watch.